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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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(37 CFR 1.16 (e))
required)

Attorney Docket Number 4320-521

First Named Inventor HUSAIN

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Application Number 10/681,203

Filing Date October 9, 2003

Art Unit 1724

Examiner Name Not yet assigned

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**MULTI-STAGE FILTRATION AND SOFTENING MODULE AND REDUCED SCALING
OPERATION**

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

☐ is attached hereto

OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/09/2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 10/681,203 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (If applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

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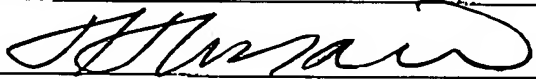
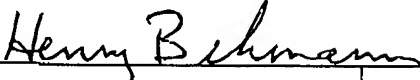
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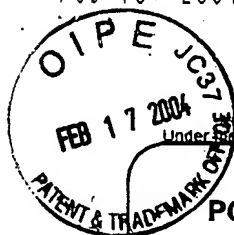
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Supplemental Sheet**

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Filing Date	October 9, 2003
First Named Inventor	HUSAIN
Art Unit	1724
Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Attorney Docket Number	4320-521

I hereby appoint:

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☐ Applicant/Inventor.

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Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name Pierre Lucien Cote, Chief Technology Officer, ZENON Environmental Inc.

Signature

Date

Feb 9, 2004

Telephone

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: HUSAIN et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/681,203

Filed/Issue Date: October 9, 2003

Entitled: MULTI-STAGE FILTRATION AND SOFTENING MODULE AND REDUCED SCALING OPERATION

ZENON Environmental Inc., a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest

The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

Feb 9, 2004
 Date
805-465-3030
 Telephone Number

Pierre Lucien Cote
 Typed or printed name

 Signature
Chief Technology Officer,
ZENON Environmental Inc.
 Title

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ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS WE, **HIDAYAT HUSAIN, HENRY BEHMANN, PIERRE LUCIEN COTE, IAN ALEXANDER POTTINGER** and **ELLA MURPHY**, whose full post office addresses are **88 Porteous Circle, Brampton, Ontario L6S 5C5, Canada; R.R. #1, Puslinch, Ontario N0B 2J0, Canada; 26 Tally-Ho Drive, Dundas, Ontario L9H 3M6, Canada; 210 Lloyminn Avenue, Ancaster, Ontario L9G 1H9, Canada; and, 507-230 Montmorency Drive, Hamilton, Ontario L8K 5H2, Canada**, have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled **MULTI-STAGE FILTRATION AND SOFTENING MODULE AND REDUCED SCALING OPERATION** for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on **October 9, 2003** as serial No. **10/681,203**.

AND WHEREAS, **ZENON Environmental Inc.**, a corporation of **Ontario**, of **3239 Dundas Street West, Oakville, Ontario L6M 4B2, Canada**, has acquired from us the whole right, title and interest for the United States of America and all other countries in and to the said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be obtained therefor, and in and to said application.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we, **HIDAYAT HUSAIN, HENRY BEHMANN, PIERRE LUCIEN COTE, IAN ALEXANDER POTTINGER** and **ELLA MURPHY**, by these presents confirm that we have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said **ZENON Environmental Inc.**, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States of America and all other countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, and the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, and in and to any divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions of said application, together with the right to claim the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the

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Protection of Industrial Property based on said application for United States Letter Patent.

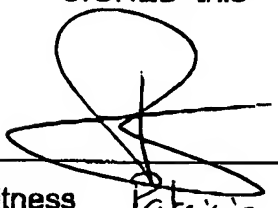
We agree that we will without further consideration do all such things and execute all such documents as may be necessary or desirable to obtain and maintain patents for said invention and for additions and modifications thereto in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said **ZENON Environmental Inc.**, the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for its sole use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

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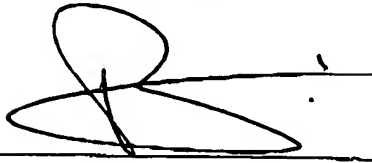
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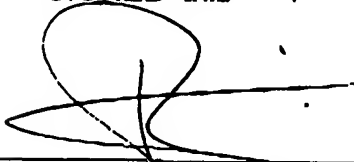
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